

IN THE CLAIMS

40. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~ device comprising:
~~unauthorized separation detection means arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the portable device from a person~~
~~release of a releasable connector connecting the device to a person; and~~
~~control means arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the portable device in response to the unauthorized separation of the portable device and person, wherein the unauthorized separation detection means are means for detecting the release of a releasable connector connecting the portable device to the person~~
~~release of the releasable connector.~~
41. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
42. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
43. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the unauthorized separation detection means detects the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
44. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the ~~portable~~ device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.
45. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 44, wherein the control means is arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the ~~portable~~ device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the portable device.
46. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ ~~portable~~ device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the ~~portable~~ device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the control means is arranged to effect at least partial

disablement of the ~~portable~~-device by sending a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.

47. (Currently amended) A cellular telephone network comprising a ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 46 wherein the mobile telephone comprises a handset and a replaceable card, which enables the handset to operate as a telephone in the network, and the network is responsive to the disabling message sent by the mobile telephone to disable the card from normal use in the network and/or to disable the handset from normal use in the network.
48. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~-device, comprising:
a releasable connector arranged to connect the ~~portable~~-device to a person and arranged to release the connection of the ~~portable~~-device to the person if the device is grabbed while connected to the person; and
~~control means~~a controller arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the ~~portable~~-device in response to the release of the releasable connector.
49. (Currently amended) The A~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
50. (Currently amended) The A~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
51. (Currently amended) The A~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 64, wherein the ~~unauthorized separation detection means~~detector is arranged to detect the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
52. (Currently amended) The A~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a radio transmitter wherein the ~~control means~~controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a message in response to the release of the releasable connector.

53. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone having a radio transmitter for operation in a cellular communications network and the control means controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.
54. (Currently amended) A portable device comprising:
~~unauthorized separation detection means-a detector arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the portable device from a counterpart device worn by a person by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the counterpart device; and~~
~~control means-a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the portable device in response to the unauthorized separation of the portable device and the counterpart device, wherein the portable device and the counterpart device are arranged to form a radio frequency wireless couple, the diminution of which is detectable by the unauthorized separation detection means.~~
55. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the portable device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.
56. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 55, wherein the control means controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the portable device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the partial disablement of the portable device.
57. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the portable device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset and a replaceable card and the control means controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking the handset to the replaceable card.
58. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 54 wherein the portable device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the control means controller is arranged to effect partial

disablement of the ~~portable~~-device by sending a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.

59. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~-device wearable by a person comprising:
~~unauthorized separation detection means a detector~~ arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the ~~portable~~-device from a counterpart device by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the counterpart device; and
~~control means a controller~~ arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device in response to the unauthorized separation of the ~~portable~~-device and counterpart device,
~~wherein the portable device and the counterpart device are arranged to form a radio frequency wireless couple, the diminution of which is detectable by the unauthorized separation detection means~~by controlling a transceiver to transmit a radio command to the counterpart device.
60. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device comprises a cellular radio transceiver or mobile telephone.
61. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 60, wherein the counterpart device comprises ~~control means a controller~~ arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the counterpart device.
62. (Currently amended) The A ~~portable~~-device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset, a replaceable card and ~~control means a controller~~ wherein the ~~control controller~~means is arranged to effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking the handset to the replaceable card.
63. (Currently amended) A ~~portable~~-device, comprising:
unauthorized removal means arranged to detect the unauthorized removal of the device from a person porting the device; and

control means arranged to effect partial disablement of the device in response to the unauthorized removal of the device from the person porting the device.

64. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising
~~unauthorised separation detection means a detector~~ for detecting the release of the
releasable connector from the ~~portable~~ device.

65. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the
~~portable device is a mobile telephone that is capable of making operable to make~~
emergency calls when it is partially disabled.

66. (Currently amended) The A portable device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the
counterpart device is a mobile telephone that is ~~capable of making operable to make~~
emergency calls when it is partially disabled.

67. (New) The A device as claimed in claim 54, wherein when the device is partially
disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.

68. (New) The A device as claimed in claim 59, wherein when the counterpart device is
partially disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.